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'Crazy': Trump-Netanyahu relationship under growing strain

Washington, United States

They went to war together against Iran, but Donald Trump and Benjamin Netanyahu's relationship is under strain after the U.S. president reportedly called the Israeli premier "crazy." Trump unleashed a profane tirade over the phone at Netanyahu over Israel's threats to bomb the Lebanese capital Beirut, fearing it would undermine talks with Tehran, the Axios news outlet and ABC News reported.

It underscored the increasingly shaky ties between two right-wing allies with lots to lose politically from the Middle East war -- and who both face criticism for being in hock to the other. Trump wants a way out of a war that has badly hit the U.S. economy less than six months before midterm elections, which will decide if his Republican party keeps control of Congress. The second-term Republican president, 79, also faces growing criticism from



A protester holds a placard with US President Donald Trump and Israel's Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu (R) during a rally in support of the Freedom Flotilla in front of the Colosseum in Rome on April 30, 2020.

parts of his Make America Great Again (MAGA) coalition that he is doing Israel's bidding in the Iran war.

Israel's veteran prime minister meanwhile faces the possible collapse of his right-wing coalition and

is under fire for bowing to Trump on matters of security after calling off a plan to attack Beirut.

- 'Everybody hates you' -
"You're fucking crazy. You'd be in prison if it

weren't for me. I'm saving your ass. Everybody hates you now. Everybody hates Israel because of this," Axios quoted Trump as shouting at Netanyahu in the call on Monday. Israeli media have rejected

the account of the conversation.

A White House official referred AFP to Trump's Truth Social posts from Monday when asked to confirm Axios's account of the call and to comment on the state of the relationship with Netanyahu.

In his posts, Trump thanked Netanyahu for what he said was an agreement to pull troops back from Beirut and to "stop the shooting" with Hezbollah.

Iran had reportedly halted peace talks because of Israel's attacks on Lebanon. But analysts said it was not the first time they had fallen out, nor would it be the last. "The fact of personal tensions between Netanyahu and US presidents is not new," former ambassador to Israel Dan Shapiro, now a distinguished fellow at the Atlantic Council, told AFP.

"In fact, he has a perfect record of reaching that point of frustration with every US president he's worked with." □

U.S. to 're-engage' with Gavi vaccine organization, Rubio says

Washington, United States

U.S. Secretary of State Marco Rubio on Tuesday said

Washington would "re-engage" with Gavi, the global vaccine organization,



U.S. Secretary of State Marco Rubio testifies during a Senate Foreign Relations Committee hearing concerning the fiscal year 2027 budget for the State Department, on Capitol Hill in Washington, DC, on June 2, 2026.

amid an Ebola outbreak in several African countries. Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance, brings together government and private donors to help developing countries acquire immunizations for key diseases at affordable prices.

Last year, the United States pulled support worth \$1.58 billion, with its vaccine-skeptic health secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr claiming without evidence that there were safety concerns. On Tuesday, Rubio, speaking during a congressional hearing, said the administration had been "supportive" in pushing for Kennedy's reforms.

"We've now reached the

stage where the State Department will become more engaged in making sure we can reach an outcome, because we have to get to an outcome here," he told lawmakers. Gavi says it helps vaccinate more than half the world's children against infectious diseases including Covid-19, Ebola, malaria, rabies, polio, cholera, tuberculosis, typhoid and yellow fever.

"We are very encouraged by Secretary Rubio's remarks that the US intends to re-engage on the issue of funding Gavi. Unlocking the funds that Congress has appropriated to Gavi

would enable us to keep the world safe from infectious disease threats," the organization's head Sania Nishtar said in a statement to AFP.

"The work we have initiated with our partners to speed up and scale up the manufacture of future Bundibugyo vaccines underlines the importance of this."

Gavi had previously announced it would make up to \$50 million available for Bundibugyo vaccine efforts, which developers are working to accelerate as the rare strain of Ebola drives a deadly outbreak in the Democratic Republic of Congo. □

As Trump cheerleads for AI, some in MAGA world fret

Washington, United States

President Donald Trump is an enthusiastic advocate for swift AI development in America, dismissing regulation as a curb on competing with China.

But some of Trump's supporters in the MAGA world are skeptical of the new technology threatening to upend society with the possibility of machines replacing humans in many walks of life.

Amy Kremer, president of a group named Humans First, says U.S. conservatives need to wake up to what she called the danger posed by artificial intelligence.

"There are more regulations on a ham sandwich that I can buy at a street corner in New York City or Washington, D.C., than there is on AI," said Kremer, a long-standing supporter of Trump and his Make America Great Again movement.

Dozens of activists, most of them conservatives, reached out recently to Trump in a letter initiated by Humans First and published by the news outlet Axios.

"America did not become the greatest nation in the world by allowing unelected elites to experiment on the public without safeguards or accountability," the letter says.

The signatories included Kremer, who has supported Trump since his first White House win in 2016, and former Trump adviser Steve Bannon.

- A Trump about-face -

Bannon is one of the ideological gurus of the coalition that rose up around Trump as he went from flashy real estate mogul to norm-busting politician. Bannon has called AI "the most dangerous technology in the history of mankind."

He and other signatories of the letter urged Trump to make a decree mandating that new AI models undergo government testing before they are released to the public.

In a last-minute turnabout



Tea Party Express Chairwoman Amy Kremer watches election results at a Tea Party Express election night party at the Aria Resort & Casino at CityCenter November 2, 2010 in Las Vegas, Nevada.

on May 21, Trump dropped the planned signing of a watered-down executive order on powerful AI models. The text called for voluntary industry controls on AI.

Fingers pointed at the president's allies in Silicon Valley who oppose government oversight of the technology.

But on Tuesday, Trump quietly signed an order that creates a voluntary framework under which AI developers will share advanced models for up to 30 days with the government before public release. An earlier draft stipulated 90 days. The 79-year-old billionaire has positioned himself as an advocate for rapid AI development.

He dismisses regulation as a constraint on US competitiveness with China, even as more and more Americans come out angrily against AI and the huge energy-consuming data centers needed to power it.

"You don't hear much about it in Washington DC, but throughout the country it may be the number one issue right now," Bannon said Tuesday on his podcast, urging Washington to listen to this outcry.

This revolt by people in both of American's main parties is reminiscent of people protesting against

the construction of low-income housing projects in their neighborhoods, said UCLA political science professor Megan Mullin.

- Rural anger -

But what makes this new movement different, she says, is that these data centers are often going up in rural areas where people

are very attached to their communities and already feel "ignored or neglected by regular politics."

In rural MAGA patches, the appearance of massive data centers which can gorge on water and electricity and create few new jobs "is activating that feeling of siege and resentment for folks who live in

rural communities," said Mullin.

Ever since he entered politics, Trump has sought to capitalize on the anger and frustration of such people who feel left behind by leaders they see as haughty, far-away political elites.

In the last three presidential elections, Trump triumphed in 90 percent of all rural counties in America, according to the Economic Innovation Group, a think tank.

His share of the rural vote grew from 59% in 2016 to 65% in 2020 and then 69% in 2024, according to Pew Research data.

- 'Simmering roots' -

Mullin said she sees "some simmering roots of an AI backlash" but not a strong one yet, so it is hard to foresee how this anger will play out.

But Trump's fervent support for AI so far has not been enough to alienate his most enthusiastic backers. Kremer said of Trump, "I know his heart and soul is with the American people." □



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Indie horror flicks 'Obsession' and 'Backrooms' draw Gen Z to cinema

Los Angeles, United States

The multi-million-dollar openings of indie horror flicks "Obsession" and "Backrooms" have Hollywood buzzing about the 20-something YouTuber directors who are driving Generation Z audiences to the theater in droves.

The endless yellow hallways of A24's "Backrooms," directed by 20-year-old Kane Parsons, terrified tens of thousands of people in its opening weekend to rack up \$118 million at the box office.

And Focus Features film "Obsession," directed by 26-year-old Curry Barker, has taken in \$148 million worldwide in two weeks -- a smash hit for a production that cost \$750,000.

"It's a huge, huge success and a real turning point for the industry, potentially," said associate editor Matthew Frank of The Ankler, a digital media company that covers Hollywood.

"They're breaking out with



these films that are appealing to a younger demographic," Frank said, adding that the vast majority of ticket buyers the past couple weekends "have been under 35 and even, you know, under 25. So it's appealing to this demographic (that) normally doesn't really get spoken to."

In recent years multiplexes have faced a multi-fold decline, fueled by the rise of streaming, a lag in recovery in ticket sales since Covid, and the strikes that halted production in Hollywood in 2023.

But this year's numbers are drumming up optimism for the best year since the

pandemic.

This is thanks in part to Generation Z, which boosted the box office by 25 percent last year, according to a report from the National Research Group.

Theater owners are "ecstatic about these weekends," said Ronnie Yount, an executive at the Phoe-

nix Theaters chain in the midwest.

Yount compared both films to "Lilo & Stitch" for driving box office which seemed unthinkable.

- Franchise fails -

The trick to tapping into the younger market is to "deliver the right films," Frank said.

"Hollywood's problem, for a while, was saying, 'oh, it's young people,' when in fact it was because they were making the 10th (installment in) pre-existing franchises that were popular for their parents."

The safe bets from studios that hoped to cash in on an endless slate of summer action hero movies turned off younger audiences.

"When you make something that's for that audience, that's when they'll come out," Frank said.

Parsons, who is known to his 3.2 million subscribers as Kane Pixels on YouTube, has racked up more than 300 million views. □

Novelist Leonardo Padura on life, writing in an uncertain Cuba

Paris, France

In Cuba, "reality doesn't knock, it opens the door and barges into your house", said author Leonardo Padura in an interview with AFP, reflecting on the uncertainty gripping his country under mounting pressure from Washington. Padura considered the most widely read Cuban writer globally sat down with AFP at the Cervantes Institute in Paris while pro-

moting the French edition of his book "Going to Havana".

Cuba, under a U.S. embargo since 1962, faces a profound economic crisis worsened by an energy blockade imposed by Washington since January. Gas shortages and blackouts are straining Cubans, including 70-year-old Padura, who was initially reticent to discuss the situation in his country and

hometown Havana.

"In Cuba, it doesn't matter if your economic situation allows you to have a different relationship with reality. Reality doesn't knock, it opens the door and barges into your house," he said.

Still, the author wouldn't live anywhere else, with Havana being a consistent muse despite the "complicated" living conditions -- though he acknowledged his "fortunate" financial situation compared to others.

"When there's a power cut, I don't have any connection and I can end up spending a whole day waiting to be able to get online... to do my work," he said.

"I was telling my brother a few days ago, 'Every time we go out in the car, it's not that we've taken one more trip, it's that we're going to be able to take

one less, because we don't know when we'll have gasoline again'."

- 'Palpable' uncertainty -

Writing "Going to Havana", in which he revisits the history of the city through realistic chronicles and fiction, was a "debt", a "necessity" that he fulfilled in 2024, he said.

In the two years since, he said Havana has seen "more deterioration, but essentially the structure of the city and people's needs remain the same". "Maybe all of that has just sped up over the last two years since I wrote the book," he added.

"Ten years ago, what was happening in Cuba? There was a Rolling Stones concert, (then-president Barack) Obama was visiting Cuba, a baseball game between the Cuban team and a Major League team," he said.

Compared to life in Cuba

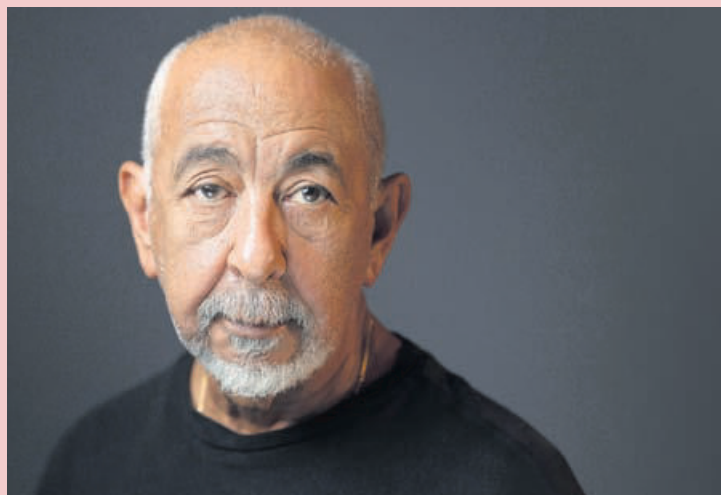
today, "it's as if we were in two different countries", he added.

In the intervening years, Donald Trump was elected in 2017 and again in 2025, applying a "maximum pressure" policy on Cuba, as well as openly musing about seizing the communist island.

Padura fears Washington could launch a military operation, or even bombings, the "collateral damage" of which would be "terrible".

Asked what he would envision if he had to set a story in a Havana of the future, he said: "I don't know what Havana might look like tomorrow or the day after tomorrow."

"The future is a huge question mark for everyone, and uncertainty is universal. But in Cuba's case, it's a very palpable, very painful reality that is right there in front of us." □



Cuban novelist and journalist Leonardo de la Caridad Padura Fuentes poses during a photo session on May 28, 2026.

Fears of hunger overwhelm Guatemalan village as El Nino approaches

Cunén, Guatemala

While drought expands through Cunén as the specter of El Nino climate instability approaches, one fear has seized this indigenous Guatemalan village: death by hunger.

The rains still haven't come here, where local farmers fear the lack of water could ruin the subsistence crops they need to survive. "If there isn't rain, (the crops) won't come...If there isn't anything we're going to die of hunger," Cecilia Pasa Sarat, a 38-year-old woman who has planted a small amount of corn, told AFP in Xetzac, a village in Cunén.

Cunén is a hard-to-reach mountainous region where the majority of the approximately 47,000 residents are poor, and rely on water from wells that are now going dry.

This village in the Indigenous Maya department of Quiché lays in the heart of the Dry Corridor, an arid mountainous stretch running through Honduras, El Salvador and Nicaragua that's become vulnerable to extreme climatic events. Quiché was one of Guatemala's most hard-hit regions during the El Nino related food crisis in 2023. Some worry the crisis could return due to a lack of government support. The phenomenon now fueling local residents' hunger fears occurs every two to six years as part of a natural climatic cycle that affects the surface temperatures on the Pacific Ocean. It's expected to start between June and August, creating months-long planetary ripple effects.

- Prolonged damage -

Weeks of drought have dessicated the dusty streets of Xetzac, where the creeks that usually irrigate the town's patchwork of corn, potato, broccoli and bean fields are evaporating under the brutal sun.

Taking refuge in the tree shade where the resin-scent of pines drifts down



Indigenous woman Lucia Rojop, 43, stands near corn cobs hanging at her house in the Xetzac community of Cunén, Quiché department, Guatemala, on May 27, 2026.

the hillside, Elvira Pasa says the eventual loss of the village harvests will only end in "hunger."

"We farm, we don't sell it, we just eat it," the 27-year-old community leader and mother of a two and seven-year-old son told AFP.

"Whatever we plant is what we eat. What will happen if it doesn't rain?" 43-year-old Lucia Rojop asks herself.

Her fears are well-founded: around 2.5 million Guatemalans face potential food insecurity due to the drought and the high probability of a powerful El Nino weather cycle.

The Guatemalan government says it has 1.1 million rations ready to distribute in the face of an emergency.

According to experts, the chance that El Nino could spiral into a more dangerous event depends on numerous atmospheric factors.

Governments across the dry countries of Central America raised alert levels over the El Niño phenomenon.

But El Nino isn't the only reason the situation is worsening.

Just in Guatemala, the "dry corridor" expanded from 40 to 160 municipalities since 2004, meaning

almost half of the country has been subjected to climate change-fueled drought, according to the government.

El Nino will reduce rainfall by half, according to Alex Guerra, the director of the Private Institute for Investigation on Climate Change (ICC).

Cecilia Pasa walks through a puny corn farm, a clear testimony of the drought. "The plants can't take it anymore, the ground is drier, it's not humid anymore like it used to be," she says categorically.

It means that only half of her neighbors planted corn this year. Everyone else, including Catarina Sica, didn't even bother. □

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Chef Khaliqdad's crusade for Greenland's first Michelin star

Ilulissat, Denmark

Piano notes tinkle in the background and the aroma of brown butter wafts through the air as Habi Khaliqdad delicately garnishes a slice of soy-glazed narwhal with puffed bacon.

For seven years, the 33-year-old chef has been living north of the Arctic Circle with one obsession, tattooed on his right arm: to earn Greenland's first Michelin star.

The prestigious restaurant guide will hand out its accolades to restaurants in the Nordic region on Monday.

Through the bay window of the Ulo restaurant in Ilulissat, the view fades into the snow and the ice fjord beyond, its giant icebergs drifting out to sea.

Khaliqdad stands out with his angular, smiling face, arms covered in tattoos, and a steady stream of swear words always being used. He often questions why anyone would take on his challenge.

Just getting supplies is one mountain to climb.

In late March, when the



Chef Habi Khaliqdad, crouching at centre, removes dishes from a refrigerator as members of his brigade cook in the background, in Ilulissat, Greenland, on March 19, 2026.

winds have shifted, the pack ice closes up, forcing fishermen to leave. Khaliqdad cannot get his hands on redfish, a large fish with tender flesh.

The menu includes "Qaqortoq lamb sweetbreads with Italian white truffle and onion jus". None of these ingredients can be found in Ilulissat however.

On this harsh land almost devoid of agriculture, the lamb travels nearly 1,000 kilometres (600 miles) from southern Greenland to reach Ilulissat by boat or plane.

"If there's a storm ... you have to wait," Khaliqdad said.

Airplanes are at the mercy of blizzards, cargo ships of the pack ice which cuts

Ilulissat off for most of the winter.

Khaliqdad, who has to import nearly everything, embodies the juxtaposition of modern-day Greenland: a land of opportunities, but with many constraints.

- Finding himself -

But Khaliqdad stands out behind the high-gloss walls of the restaurant in the Hotel Arctic.

After a life marked by loss, hardship and addiction, the Dane of Afghan origin found salvation in the kitchen.

As a teenager, he started out as a dishwasher.

"It was French food that gave me this energy in the beginning," he recalled.

He devoured the books of famed French chef Paul Bocuse, and started working as a kitchen hand before moving up through Copenhagen's most prestigious establishments, where he was a finalist for the 2017 Chef of the Year award.

Of the 263 restaurants in the Nordic Michelin Guide, 37 in Denmark have stars.

The small country, long known for its heavy fare, has become a temple of European gastronomy. But that wave has yet to cross the Labrador Sea.

"My boss told me, 'Go to Greenland, man. It's cold and you'll find yourself'," Khaliqdad said.

In debt, he exiled himself in the Danish autonomous territory to rebuild his life.

- 'Think local' -

On the Italian-made kitchen island, his Japanese knife finely slices narwhal, reindeer and ptarmigan. When he first arrived, he dived into botany books, searching for new flavours to lighten up the rustic Greenlandic, meat-heavy cuisine.

In the end, it was Stella, a hotel cleaning lady, who told him where to gather mushrooms and angelica plants.

In summer, during the few snowless weeks, he and his team roam the rocky hills.

"I learned to not think about Nordic, European, Michelin cuisine. I have to think about this country's cuisine," he said.

- Gastronomy capital -

In the restaurant, tourists, in stylish apres-ski gear, finished off their desserts, their glassware and cutlery clinking.

Nearly 50,000 tourists visit this town of 5,000 inhabitants every year to gaze at the icebergs.

Ilulissat, Greenland's tourism capital, now aims to become a good food haven as well, with a culinary school project recently launched.

In October, the opening of a new international airport is expected to lead to a doubling of the number of visitors.

"Maybe they can help me with this small dream I have in my body, you know?" he said, touching the star tattooed on his arm.

For now, travel to Greenland is costly and tricky, even for Michelin inspectors.

Khaliqdad also struggles to hire local staff, as few Greenlanders have the proper training.

The winters are difficult, too. A few years ago, one young kitchen hand committed suicide, a stark reminder of the social woes on the Arctic island.

"It's hard. It's fun. It's sadness too, man... It's odd." He carries on, thinking of his guiding star. □



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Fun facts about the “transhi” hedges!

(Oranjestad)—When off-roading, you may encounter some houses that have rock hedges, aligned perfectly and held together by cement—or sometimes nothing at all.

These hedges are called “transhi,” and have a historical and cultural meaning on the island. Used by cunukeros* around the island back when agriculture played a more dominant role in day-to-day life and survival, these stone hedges represent the resilience of our great-grand parents, who had to make do with what nature gave them.

These stone structures are traditionally placed carefully on top of each other. No cement or other binding mixture was used to hold the structure together. Though not commonly used for modern homes, the few structures that remain around the island stood the test of time, some completely intact even after decades of rain, wind and urbanization. These stone hedges are a representation of the Aruba's unique farming culture—which valued durability, sustainability and resilience.

*cunukero: Aruban farmers. ☐

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CAYA Introduces a Bold New Menu Celebrating Latin Caribbean Flavors



(Oranjestad)—CAYA, one of Aruba's most beloved dining destinations, continues to celebrate the vibrant essence of Latin Caribbean cuisine with an exciting new menu that beautifully balances tradition and innovation.

Nestled in a beautifully restored traditional Aruban Cunucu house, surrounded by lush tropical greenery, CAYA offers guests a dining experience that feels both authentic and contemporary. The restaurant's philosophy is simple yet profound: to create a space where the warmth of island hospitality meets the creativity of modern gastronomy.

The new menu reflects this vision with a series

of inspired dishes that showcase the diversity of Caribbean and Latin American flavors. From Cuba to Colombia, and from Aruba to Mexico, each plate tells a story rooted in heritage and reimagined through CAYA's modern lens.

Among the standout new appetizers are the **Tuna al Tamarindo**, featuring thinly sliced tuna sashimi served with tamarind leche de tigre, creamy avocado, marinated onions, radishes, cilantro, and crispy tortillas dusted with *tajín*; and the **Beef Stew Croquettes**, a playful nod to Caribbean comfort food, served with truffle and black garlic mayonnaise. Guests can also savor the **Beef and Pork Brochetas**, made with locally smoked bacon, *Madam Jeannette* peppers, local honey, and tenderloin, grilled to perfec-



tion and served with *chimi-churri espuma*.

The main courses bring equal excitement. Highlights include the **Chilean Sea Bass**, pan fried and served with a smooth carrot and *ají amarillo* sauce, creamy garlic mashed potatoes, grilled paksoi and broccoli, hearts of palm, toasted cashews, and a fragrant lime leaf vinaigrette. Another showstopper is the **Duck and Rice**, a Caribbean interpretation of a Peruvian classic, featuring pan fried duck breast with aromatic green rice infused with local herbs, kombucha, and *ají amarillo*, finished with a pan fried egg and *sarsa criolla*.

Dessert lovers are in for a treat as well. The **Caribbean Black Forest** reimagines the classic with a tropical twist, featuring a rich brownie served with red fruit, coconut mousse, chocolate, and banana rum ice cream. The **Merengon Tropical** delights with sage panna cotta, mango and pineapple compote, mango sorbet, and citrus meringue.

Guests can also enjoy CAYA's new *Sabor Experience*, a limited time three course menu priced at \$79, allowing diners to explore an appetizer, main course, and dessert of their choice.

To complete the experience, CAYA hosts live music every Sunday from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., setting the perfect backdrop for an evening of island charm and culinary artistry.

CAYA continues to invite locals and visitors alike to experience the heart of Aruba, where Latin Caribbean heritage comes alive in every dish, every note of music, and every heartfelt welcome. □

Adriaan Laclé: One of Aruba's richest men in the twentieth century

(Oranjestad)—The name **Adriaan Laclé** may ring a bell to locals as one of the main roads on the island, but about a century ago, **Adriaan Laclé** was a rich businessman, well-known for his generosity, wealth,

and taste.

Adriaan was born in 1866 and was the eldest of six children. Not much is known about his childhood upbringing or any of his earlier business ordeals, but during his hay day he often helped people get loans, was a well-established trader, and owned several plots of land. In fact, he commissioned the construction of the famous La Quinta Carmen manor—now a restaurant. Though he himself never lived in the beautiful manor, his own house also reflected his success and good taste. Currently, ren-

ovations are taking place to restore the Laclé house. It can found in the back streets of main street Oranjestad.

Regarding his personal life, it has been said that he was married twice during his lifetime. He had his first daughter during his first marriage but lost his wife soon after her birth. During his second marriage, he fathered 16 children. However, it has been said that only 11 of those 17 made it past 18 years of age. Perhaps two of his most well-known daughters are Maria Monica Laclé and

Maria Veneranda Laclé, who went on to marry successful brothers Eloy Arends and Maximilian Arends, respectively. Their houses are still standing; Eloy and Maria Monica's mansion functions as the townhall, used to host civil marriages, while Maximilian and Maria Veneranda's house stands on the opposite side of the road to them—though currently under renovation after years left in ruin. □

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INFINI Unveils Caribbean Impression 15: A New Menu Experience

At INFINI, dining has always been about more than food. It is about storytelling, connection, and pushing the boundaries of Caribbean cuisine. With the introduction of Caribbean Impression 15, the restaurant presents a new tasting menu that reflects both the richness of the region and the creativity behind the kitchen.

This new menu is a refined journey through flavor, memory, and movement across the Caribbean. Each course is carefully composed to highlight bold ingredients, layered techniques, and unexpected pairings that elevate familiar tastes into something entirely new. The experience begins with Brioche, a warm and aromatic introduction infused with curry, garlic, thyme, and honey. It is comforting yet complex, setting the stage for what follows.



Koli Koli brings a fresh and vibrant contrast. Hamachi is paired with honeydew melon, jalapeño, lemon, and sansho, creating a balance between sweetness, heat, and citrus brightness. It is a dish that feels light, precise, and full of energy.

With Jambo, the menu dives deeper into the flavors of the sea. Chilean seabass, octopus, mussels, and scallops come together with okra, cilantro, and Madam Jeanette, delivering a dish that is rich, layered, and unmistakably Caribbean in spirit.

A pause in the journey comes with Limpia Paladar, a palate cleanser designed to refresh and reset the senses before the next course. This is followed by Mojito, a refreshing and aromatic expression that plays on familiar notes in a refined way.

The menu then moves into deeper, more indulgent territory with Stout Stew. Short ribs, local pastrami, and sirloin are slow cooked with stout, shiitake, maitake, and carrots, resulting in a dish that is rich, comforting, and full of depth.

Sweetness arrives with Quesillo, a black garlic flan paired with pineapple, plantain, tamarind, and all spice. It is a bold and unexpected dessert that balances savory and sweet in a way that feels both



nostalgic and modern.

The experience continues with a playful Bahama Mama cupcake, bringing a light and tropical finish, followed by Batata. This dish combines sweet potato, caviar, coconut, jerk spices, onion, and pineapple, offering a final savory note that is both surprising and memorable.

The journey closes with Limpia Man, a final refresh that leaves a lasting impression.

Caribbean Impression 15 is offered as a five course tasting experience, designed to flow seamlessly from one moment to the next. It reflects INFINI's commitment to showcasing the Caribbean in a way that is elevated, expressive, and deeply connected to place.

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This is not just a menu. It is a new chapter for INFINI, where each dish becomes part of a larger story told through flavor, creativity, and intention. □



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Beyond beaches: The Living Indigenous Heritage of Aruba Revealed

In this new episode, Etnia Nativa aims to share with you—and connect you to—our sense of belonging.

"The real sense of belonging is to be aware and have emotionally accepted and intellectually incorporated Aruba's real history, which includes all those Arubans who thrived before one's own existence had even begun." — From the book Cultural & Genetic Heritage of Arubans.

For decades, Aruba's indigenous roots were often overlooked or dismissed by foreign authors and even in some educational materials, reflecting historical narratives promoted by government authorities. However, in recent decades, scientific research by Aruban scholars has challenged these views, revealing a rich genetic heritage that traces back to the island's original inhabitants.

Studies conducted by Aruban scientists confirm that the indigenous genetic makeup remains a dominant feature of the traditional Aruban genome, supporting the claims of Etnia Nativa, which is dedicated to preserving and promoting native heritage.

Like all ethnic groups, Arubans share distinct physical characteristics. Among these are traits often associated with Amerindian ancestry: slanted eyes, straight black hair, and the presence of the Mongolian spot—also known as congenital dermal melanocytosis or the "blue butt mark"—a birthmark retained more strongly in Aruba than in neighboring islands like Bonaire or Curaçao.

Some historians argue that these features are not linked to Aruba's earliest inhabitants, suggesting instead that indigenous populations from later settlements (post-1640) were responsible for these traits. According to this view, European colonization and economic policies under the Dutch West India Company allowed certain groups to live freely on the island, preserving their lineage more effectively than in other Caribbean territories.



However, Aruban researchers, using mitochondrial DNA (mtDNA) analysis, have demonstrated that Amerindian genes never vanished from the island. In the landmark study Genetic Structure of the Aruban Population: Three Origins, scientists refuted the notion that Arubans became extinct due to European colonization and traced maternal lineages directly back to indigenous ancestors.

In 2001, during the XIX International Congress of Caribbean Archaeology, Etnia Nativa participated directly in pioneering research conducted by Dr. Oswald Wever (Aruba) and Dr. Martínez Cruzado (Puerto Rico), which highlighted the enduring presence of Amerindian genetic ancestry in Aruba. The curator of Etnia Nativa was the first participant in the study to be identified as carrying Indigenous mitochondrial DNA (mtDNA), providing concrete evidence of the island's ancestral continuity.

Through these genetic studies, researchers can identify familial con-

nections, trace haplogroups, and map the influence of ancient Caquetio settlements on present-day Aruban populations. Such insights offer not only a window into the island's past but also an opportunity to reclaim and honor the contributions of its earliest inhabitants.

As a private organization, Etnia Nativa continues to promote education and awareness of Aruba's indigenous heritage, integrating research findings into its cultural programs. Dr. Wever's work—particularly on the cultural and genetic heritage of Arubans—reinforces the organization's mission to ensure that the Amerindian voice is both recognized and celebrated, rooted in rigorous scientific evidence as well as vibrant cultural expression.

Despite past attempts to minimize or deny Aruba's Indigenous history, ongoing research and public engagement continue to demonstrate that the island's identity is deeply rooted in its Amerindian ancestry. The work of Aruban scientists such as Dr. Oswald Wever helps ensure that this heritage is no longer forgotten, inviting all Arubans to embrace the richness of their shared history.

"Let the Amerindian voice be heard"—a statement once relegated to history, now resonating through science, culture, and collective memory.

For those willing to look beyond Aruba's postcard beauty, Etnia Nativa offers something rare: a deeply personal encounter with the island's ancestral soul. In Aruba, heritage is not only preserved—it is lived. □



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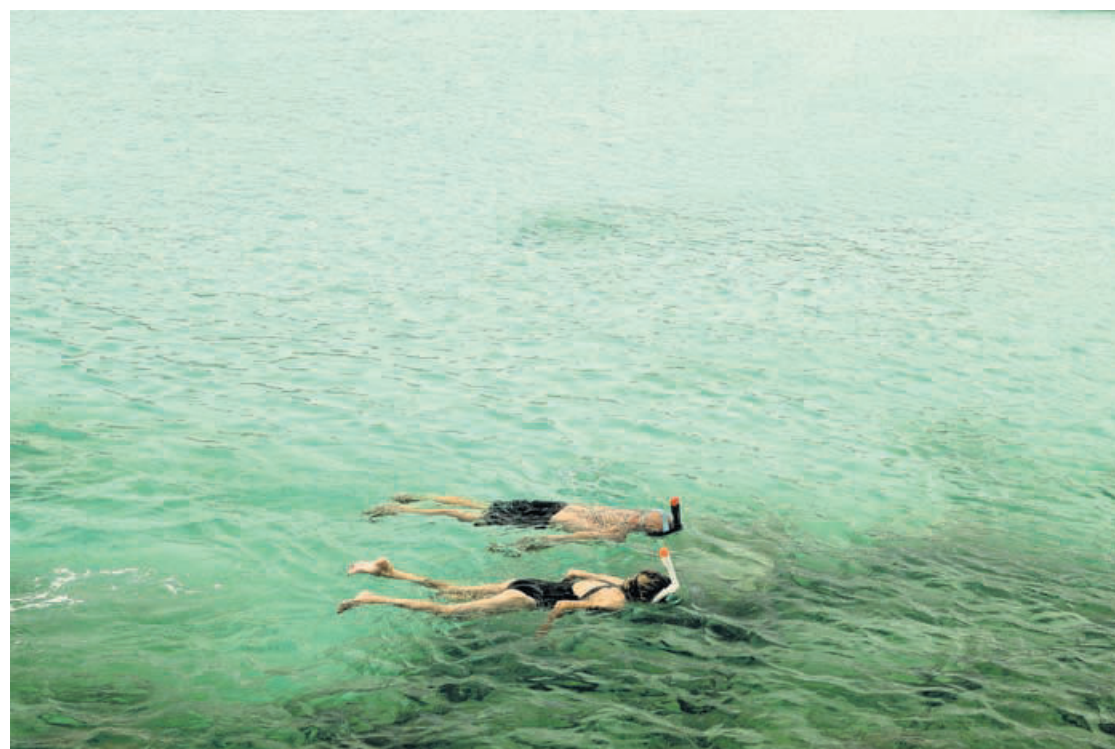
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Aruba's underwater wonderland

(Oranjestad)—Exploring the underwater wonders is something you should definitely do during your stay in Aruba. The underwater world has everything to offer that makes a snorkel trip so exceptional; an impressive, colorful sea life with exotic fishes, turtles and beautiful coral reef. The historic shipwrecks, located on the Aruban seabed are also worth a visit. Aruba is known for its white beaches and blue oceans, which means there are many fascinating under water spots you can explore. So take your snorkeling gear and visit some of these top places for underwater exploration.

Tres Trapi

'Tres Trapi' means three steps in Papiamentu. The beach is called Tres Trapi because it is accessible by a tiny stairway carved into the rocky coastline. Tres Trapi is a small beach, located on the north-western side of the island, an approximately 5 to 10 minute drive from Palm Beach. From the unique steps you walk right into the clear and turquoise blue ocean. While you're snorkeling, you will encounter all kind of tropical fishes and sea stars. The kind of starfish you will find in the Aruban waters is the



red cushion sea star. This is a starfish that is commonly found in the shallow waters of the Caribbean Sea and if you are lucky during your snorkeling visit to Tres Trapi, you may come across one of the green sea turtles. Respect the animals, keep your distance and just enjoy the view. Also remember; it is a once in a life time experience.

Antilla shipwreck

Antilla is a 400-foot-long ship, built in 1939 in Hamburg, Germany. Antilla came to Aruba, because it had to find a neutral port. When Germany

invaded the Netherlands on May 10, 1940, the crew decided to let their own ship sink, to prevent it from falling into the hands of the Dutch Navy. Antilla lies on its portside in Malmok bay, and the sunken WWII ship is now one of Aruba's most popular snorkeling and dive spots. However, the ship wreck can only be reached by boat. The ship is visible from the surface and during your snorkeling trip you be surrounded by hundreds of tropical fishes, but the ship wreck alone is already impressive enough.

Baby Beach

Baby beach is a lagoon with crystal blue ocean. The beach is located on the southern part of the island. On the way to the famous beach, you will drive through the old capital of Aruba, San Nicolas. The old Aruban culture can be still felt and experienced here, so do not hesitate to get out of your car and walk around for a while. Baby beach is a child friendly beach, since it is shallow and the water has a pleasant temperature. The name therefore fits well with the beach. Further in the lagoon, you'll find a lot of people snorkeling. This is an

excellent spot to go under water exploring—but do take care not to go too far out; outside the lagoon the waves can be pretty rough! In the lagoon there is an area marked until where it is recommended to snorkel and on the beach you will find different facilities. It is a perfect beach to spend your day snorkeling and relaxing.

Mangel Halto

Mangel Halto beach is located in Savaneta, on the southern-west part of the island. The beach is different from the other beaches in Aruba; it is beach full of mangroves. The main entrance to reach the beach is through a small bridge that takes you through the mangrove trees. There are diverse spots where you can enjoy a perfect beach day, accompanied with wooden stairs built to allow easy access to the water and a dock to sit on and enjoy the view. Mangel Halto is also worth a visit for the snorkeling experience. Inside the bay, the water is clear and you'll find many colorful fish. Outside the bay is a bit more challenging for beginners because of the wind and the waves, but the coral is alive and it is snorkel heaven. □

Beautiful areas around Aruba



(Oranjestad)—In Aruba, there are tons of activities that to enjoy during your visit, but sometimes you just want to slow down and enjoy the view. Here are

some beautiful areas on the island that will have you in awe.

The hidden Natural Bridge Here in Aruba we have

three natural bridges and many see this one on thinking that it's the world famous one but it's not. The why is easy, it's way too dangerous to go down the cliff to reach this beauty and no tour companies will do that. Some people refuse to go down due fear of height. This bridge is located in San Nicolas, behind The Point Lighthouse along the east point coast.

Surfside Beach

This beach was very famous when we were kids and many locals love to swim at this beach. After some years the locals shifted to the more north-west beaches like Eagle, Boca Catalina and Arashi



but after the government renovated the whole area it got a new facelift and its back as a family beach and weekends are just amazing at this area.

Natural Bridge at Blackstone Beach

As mentioned, there are three natural bridges and this one is in the Arikok National Park. The other two Bridges you can visit by car but for this one you must have a 4x4 jeep or you will get stuck at the Andicuri Beach. □

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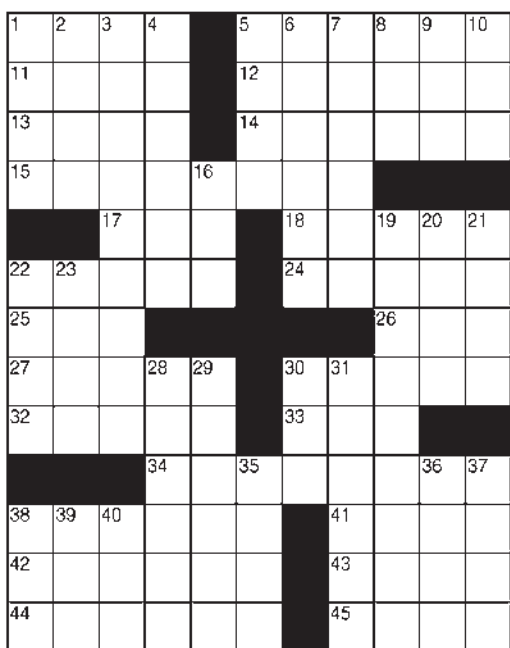
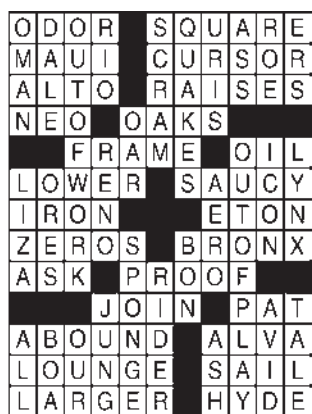
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One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

2-2 CRYPTOQUOTE

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Cryptoquote: MY NAME IS INIGO MONTROYA. YOU KILLED MY FATHER. PREPARE TO DIE. — "THE PRINCESS BRIDE"

Helpful tips for your stay on Aruba

(Oranjestad)—When traveling to another country, especially for the first time, it is always better to be over-prepared than under-prepared. That is why we have a list of basic—but important—information that we think may come in handy to Aruba's visitors.

Electrical power

Aruba generally operates on 110V to 127V supply voltage and 60Hz. There are also three types of outlets used on the island: type A with two flat prongs; type B with two flat and one grounding prong, and on occasion, type F with two round prong and two earth clips on the side. However, Type A is most commonly found in homes and establishments.

Drinking water



The water that flows through the sinks of every house, hotels and other establishments is distilled and perfectly safe to drink. Aruba's drinking water exceeds WHO's international standards for water quality, so there is no need to buy bottled water from the

store.

Supermarket hours

Supermarket hours may vary depending on where you are staying on the island. Generally though, most supermarkets are open from 8am to 9 or 10pm, Monday through Saturday. On Sundays, supermarkets generally close earlier; mostly around 2pm.

Safety

Since February 2024, Aruba has been categorized as



the safest country in the Caribbean by The Telegraph, and many tourist that visit have often told us how they feel safe to explore the island or walk around at night. However, rare incidents do occurs, so keep yourself and your belongings safe.

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Difficulty: ★★

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A handout artist's impression released on April 17, 2025 by N. Madhusudhan/University of Cambridge, shows the K2-18b super-Earth, a hycean world, such as exoplanet K2-18b which astronomers say they have found the strongest yet "hints" of the life outside this solar system.

Exoplanets can have magnetic fields, 'hot Jupiter' winds reveal

Paris, France

Planets beyond our solar system can have magnetic fields similar to those closer to home, astronomers said Tuesday after observing extreme winds on scorching worlds known as "hot Jupiters".

The observations offer the strongest evidence yet of magnetic fields outside our cosmic backyard, a subject which has long eluded scientists.

"It's the first time we can compare the magnetic environments of other worlds a key step toward ultimately understanding which planets can stay alive, keep their water, and perhaps even, one day, host life as we know it," said astronomer Julia Seidel of France's Cote d'Azur Observatory.

By deflecting the charged particles that bombard planets, magnetic fields play a "very complex role in atmospheric retention," Seidel, the lead author of a new study in Nature Astronomy, told AFP. In our solar system, Earth, Jupiter and Saturn have active magnetic fields -- but Venus and Mars do not.

However exactly what is happening on far-away worlds known as exoplanets is difficult to measure. Seidel and her colleagues did not originally intend to measure magnetic fields,

but instead set out to look into wind.

The team studied seven "hot Jupiters", gas giants where temperatures can hit nearly 2,000 degrees Celsius. They have "compositions completely unknown in our solar system," Seidel explained.

These planets are so close to their stars that they are tidally locked.

This means they always have one side facing their star similar to how the same side of the Moon always faces Earth.

So it will always be a blisteringly hot day on one side of these planets, while the other sits in eternal night. This extreme difference creates very violent winds, ranging from 7,200 to 25,000 kilometres (4,475 to

15,500 miles) an hour, the scientists found.

To measure these winds, they used the European Southern Observatory's Very Large Telescope in Chile and the Gemini North telescope in Hawaii.

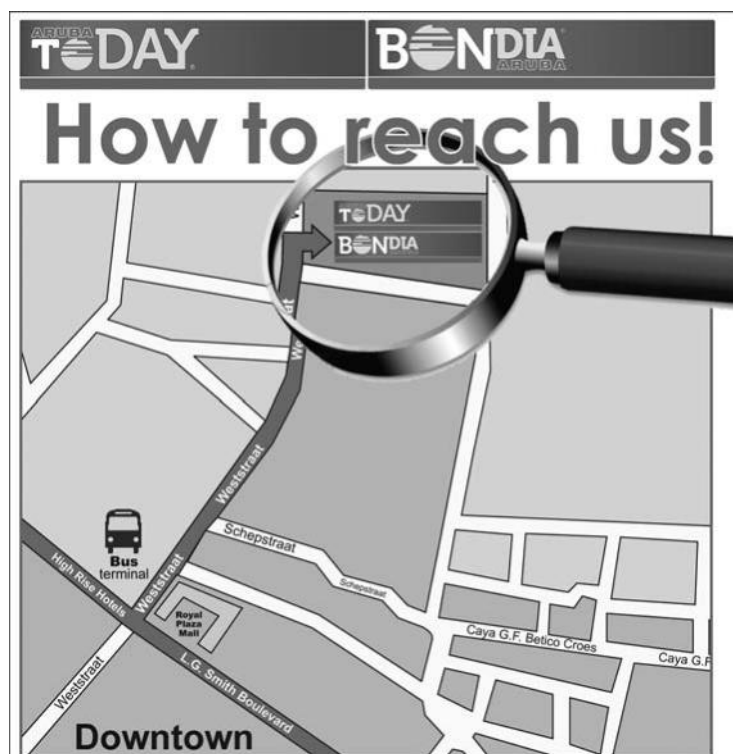
- 'Totally counter intuitive' -

They also found something unexpected: the hotter the planet, the weaker the wind.

"This is totally counter intuitive," study co-author Vivien Parmentier said in a statement. □

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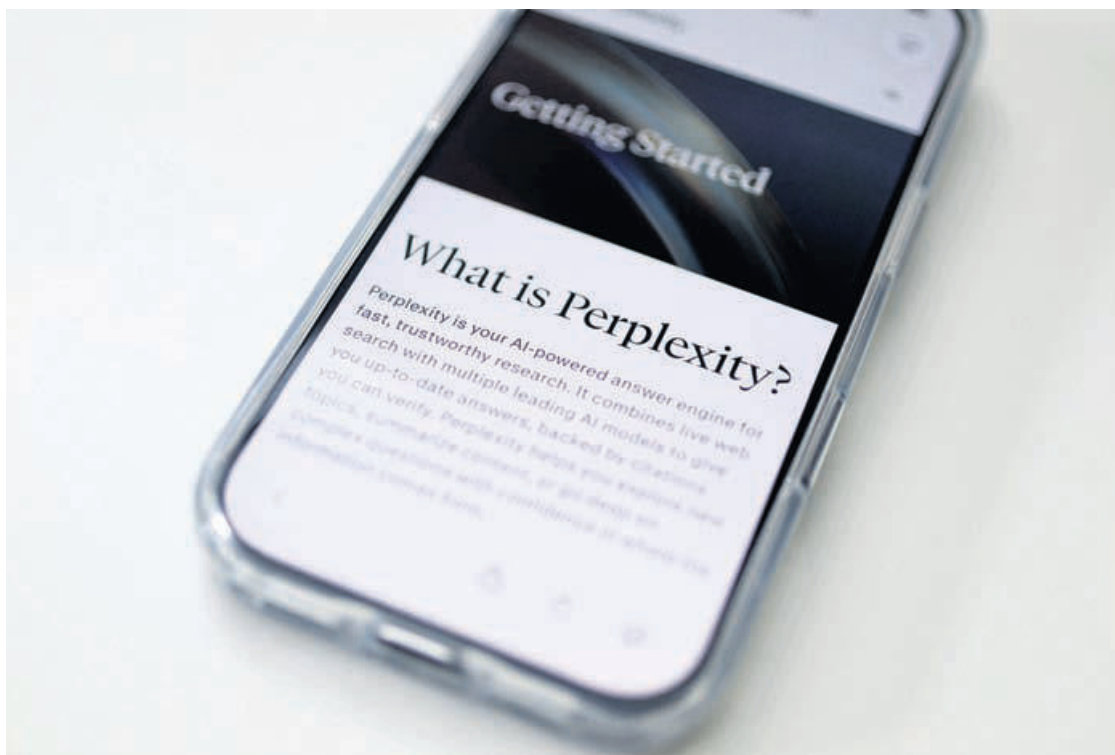
ARUBA TODAY NEWS

After the AI binge, companies balk at soaring bills

New York, United States
Artificial intelligence is getting expensive -- and companies are starting to rethink their embrace of the disruptive technology. Playing by a well-worn Silicon Valley playbook, AI companies charged rock-bottom prices to hook customers after ChatGPT burst onto the scene.

Kevin Simback of startup incubator Delphi Labs calls it the era of "subsidized intelligence" meaning investors were basically footing the bill so companies could offer AI on the cheap. "But the tides are beginning to turn," Simback warned and an era where the big AI companies actually need to make money has begun with leaders OpenAI and Anthropic looking to go public and attract main street investors later this year.

Prices are rising across the board, and one big reason is AI agents. Unlike a chatbot that just



In this photo illustration, a Perplexity website is seen on an iPhone on March 10, 2026 in Miami, Florida.

answers questions, agents actually do things book appointments, write code, manage files. And they're expensive to run, because one task can spin up dozens of agents all working at once, each racking up charges.

Those charges are measured in tokens the basic unit AI companies use to bill

customers. A single agent-powered task can burn through dozens of times' more tokens than a simple chat message.

Meanwhile, the computer chips and data centers needed to power all this AI can't keep up with demand, creating computing shortages and adding further uncertainty to the

nascent industry.

"Especially in developer circles, the cost to use AI for things like coding has grown exponentially," said Mark Barton of tech consultancy Omniux. "All the costs are really starting to skyrocket."

Some companies have been so eager to use AI that they've gone overboard in a usage binge

called "tokenmaxxing." "In some cases people are seeing the cost of tokens exceed the cost of the employee within a month or two of use, just because they're using it too much," says analyst Jack Gold of J.Gold Associates.

- Smarter spending -

Even Meta which earlier this year encouraged employees to use as many tokens as possible as a measure of productivity has had second thoughts.

"Nobody should be using AI tools just for the sake of using them," chief technology officer Andrew Bosworth wrote in a memo to staff, reported by the Wall Street Journal.

Uber's chief operating officer this week went a step further, raising eyebrows by saying all this AI spending was showing no noticeable increase in productivity.

To cut costs, some companies are switching to free, open-source AI models that anyone can download not as powerful as ChatGPT or Anthropic's Claude, but good enough for many tasks. □

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Mathematicians say 'don't believe hype' on AI capabilities

Paris, France

Dozens of mathematicians signed a declaration Tuesday calling for the discipline to resist beating the drum for artificial intelligence developers.

The "Leiden Declaration", backed by over 150 professors from across the world including Europe, Japan and the US, warned governments especially not to "believe the hype" about systems' maths abilities.

Their intervention follows claims of increasing capability

from AI firms, including performance in elite international competitions and alleged solutions to thorny open questions in the field.

AI "opens new and exciting opportunities, but it also raises questions that cannot be left unexamined," International Mathematical Union (IMU) vice-president Ulrike Tillmann wrote in an endorsement.

"The future of mathematical research must be guided by human judgment, fair and transparent practices, and the shared values of the global mathematical community," she added.

AI developers face "a strong commercial incentive... to overstate the capabilities of their products," the declaration read.

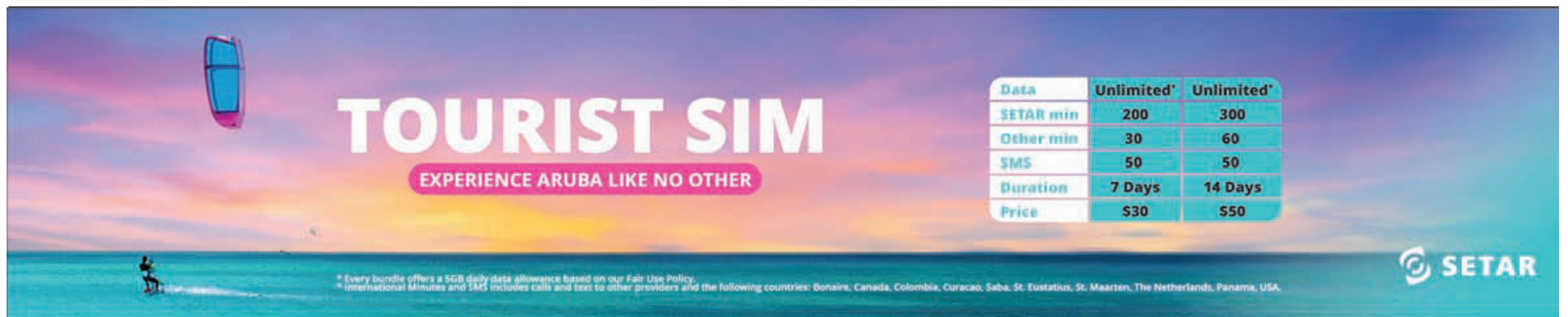


An AI data centre reference architecture display is seen at the at Wiwynn booth during Computex in Taipei on June 2, 2026.

Released "on market timelines" rather than at the pace of human-reviewed science, AI publicity can "misleadingly use specific mathematical tasks as metrics for the general reasoning capacities of commercial models", it added.

With hundreds of billions of dollars in investor cash up for grabs, companies are scrambling to paint AI models in a glowing light.

"There is a competition to the death on the part of the main labs... they are trying, using mathematics... to attract investment so that each of them will be left standing," Columbia University professor Michael Harris, one of the declaration's co-authors, told AFP. □



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Wembanyama chasing dream as Spurs face Knicks in NBA Finals

Los Angeles, United States

Victor Wembanyama will aim to cement his status as the new face of basketball on Wednesday when he leads the San Antonio Spurs into game one of the NBA Finals against a New York Knicks line-up bidding to end a 53-year title drought.

Just three years after landing in the NBA as the top pick in the 2023 draft, French superstar Wembanyama is now contemplating the first NBA Finals of his career and the realization of a childhood dream.

The 7-foot-4 (2,24m) Frenchman has inspired a startling transformation in the Spurs' fortunes in a remarkably short period of time.

After winning just 22 games in Wembanyama's first season, and 34 games last year, San Antonio roared into title contention this



Victor Wembanyama #1 of the San Antonio Spurs reacts after defeating the Oklahoma City Thunder in Game Seven of the NBA Western Conference Finals at Paycom Center on May 30, 2026 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

season with a dazzling 62-win campaign.

They have followed that up with a superb march through the playoffs, cul-

minating in an against-the-odds defeat of the defending champion Oklahoma City Thunder, beaten in a game-seven thriller on Sat-

urday.

It has left Wembanyama well ahead of schedule on a trajectory likely to place him among some of the

greatest players ever to have graced the NBA.

Michael Jordan won the first of his six NBA championships at the age of 28. LeBron James won his first championship ring at the age of 27. Wembanyama, still only 22, could slice years off those benchmarks.

James himself famously described Wembanyama as an "alien" before the 2023 draft, describing the Frenchman's combination of physical and defensive presence aligned with a deftness of touch and shooting prowess as virtually unprecedented.

Wembanyama has more than lived up to that billing with a string of otherworldly performances in the playoffs, where he is averaging 23.2 points per game, with 10.8 rebounds, 2.7 assists and 3.5 blocks.

- 'Meaning of my life' -

Speaking after Saturday's series victory over Oklahoma City, Wembanyama underscored what reaching the finals meant to him. "Winning the Larry O'Brien (NBA championship trophy) is a childhood dream, and having a real shot at it, having a tangible chance at winning it -- it's a lifetime chance," Wembanyama said.

"It's hard to put into words. It's almost like the meaning of my life."

Standing in the way of Wembanyama's date with destiny, though, is a Knicks team that have already demonstrated the ability to neutralize San Antonio's array of threats this season. The Knicks won two out of three meetings with San Antonio during the regular season, with their victories including a 124-113 defeat of the Spurs in the NBA Cup final in December. □

Sotheby's to auction Pele jersey worn in 1958 World Cup

New York, United States

The jersey worn by late football legend Pele during Brazil's 1958 World Cup victory will headline an auction set to coincide with this year's

tournament, Sotheby's announced Tuesday.

Pele, then just 17 years old, scored two of Brazil's five goals in the 1958 final

against host nation Sweden.

The victory marked Brazil's first of a record five World Cup titles, three of which were won under the man who would become known as "The King."

Pele, born Edson Arantes do Nascimento, died in December 2022 at the age of 82 after being diagnosed with colon cancer.

Sotheby's said in a press release that the Number 10 jersey is estimated to sell for over \$6 million in the auction, which runs from June 29 to July 16 three days before this year's final match.

Diego Maradona's "Hand of God" jersey sold for \$9.3 million in 2022, a record for sports-worn memorabilia

that was broken several months later by Michael Jordan's "Last Dance" Bulls jersey, which went for \$10.1 million.

Pele gave his 1958 jersey to teammate and friend Dida, whose family held on to it for decades before it was placed in a museum and eventually auctioned off in 2004, according to Sotheby's.

Other items up for auction in Sotheby's special "The Beautiful Game" sale include an armband worn by Maradona during the 1986 "Hand of God" match and gear worn by Argentine superstar Lionel Messi.

A public exhibit of the items will open July 1 at the Sotheby's Breuer building in New York. □



Brazilian soccer star Pele's 1975 New York Cosmos 'Triumphant Debut' match-worn jersey is displayed during a press preview at Sotheby's in New York on April 6, 2023 for the upcoming "Victorian" auction, a special two-part curated collection of sports artifacts.



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Zverev powers into French Open semis, Kostyuk to face Andreieva

Paris, France

Alexander Zverev breezed past Rafael Jodar to stay on course for an elusive Grand Slam title at the French Open, where Marta Kostyuk and Mirra Andreieva will meet for a place in the women's final.

Zverev, the highest-ranked player left in the men's draw, put an end to Spanish teenager Jodar's impressive Roland Garros debut, easing to a 7-6, (7/3), 6-1, 6-3 win on Tuesday.

The 29-year-old Zverev is the clear favourite for a maiden Grand Slam title. He has finished runner-up on three occasions, including at the 2024 French Open.

"I want to win the matches that are ahead of me, that is my goal, that is my aim," said Zverev, who has only dropped one set en route to the last four.

It is the fifth time in six years he has made it to this stage in Paris.

"I'm happy to be in the semi-finals, for now," he added.

Zverev will play the winner of the night-time encounter



Germany's Alexander Zverev plays a forehand return to Spain's Rafael Jodar during their men's quarter final singles match on day 10 of the French Open tennis tournament on Court Philippe-Chatrier at the Roland-Garros Complex in Paris on June 2, 2026.

between Brazilian sensation Joao Fonseca and Czech youngster Jakub Mensik.

For Jodar, the grind of back-to-back five-setters appeared to take its toll as he struggled to cope after blowing a 5-2 lead in the opening set.

The 19-year-old Jodar was featuring at just his second major. He was ranked

707th in the world this time last year, losing in the first and second rounds of second-tier Challenger events in the United States during the 2025 French Open.

Both Fonseca and Mensik will be playing in their first Grand Slam quarter-final later on Tuesday.

Fonseca, 19, backed up his third-round win over Novak

Djokovic by beating two-time Roland Garros finalist Casper Ruud.

He is the first Brazilian man to reach the French Open last eight since three-time champion Gustavo Kuerten.

- 'Flashbacks' -

Earlier, the in-form Kostyuk held her nerve to withstand

a comeback from compatriot Elina Svitolina in the first all-Ukrainian women's quarter-final at a Grand Slam in the Open era, winning 6-3, 2-6, 6-2.

The 23-year-old Kostyuk extended her unbeaten run on clay this season to 17 matches to reach her first Grand Slam semi-final.

"I'm very happy I found a way. It was very difficult in the first two sets," said Kostyuk, who again dedicated her victory to the people of Ukraine.

The country was hit by hundreds of Russian drones and dozens of missiles early Tuesday, killing at least 18 people.

"We had another difficult night in Ukraine, especially in Kyiv where so many people died, so I want to give this match to Ukraine," said Kostyuk.

Svitolina, 31, fell at the quarter-final stage at Roland Garros for the sixth time. It is the only major where she has not reached the last four.

Kostyuk has been an outspoken supporter of Ukraine during the ongoing war with Russia. Her next

Canucks hire Malhotra as coach after NHL-worst season



(L-R) Video coordinator Jordan Bean and assistant coach Manny Malhotra of the Toronto Maple Leafs arrive for the game against the Toronto Maple Leafs at UBS Arena on December 11, 2023 in Elmont, New York.

Montreal, Canada

Manny Malhotra, who played 18 NHL seasons before becoming a coach, has been hired by the Vancouver Canucks, who have struggled since reaching the 2011 Stanley Cup final.

The 46-year-old Canadian replaced Adam Foote, who was fired two weeks ago after guiding the Canucks to an NHL-worst 25 wins in 82 games. Malhotra spent four seasons each as an assistant coach with Vancouver and Toronto before coaching the Canucks' top development club to a league title two seasons ago.

"Manny and I have been in the battle together before, so I know firsthand what a good teacher, leader, and quality person he is," Canucks general manager Ryan Johnson said Monday night in announcing the move.

"Connection, consistency and putting in place the proper foundation will be key for our group moving forward. □

opponent is Russian teenager Andreieva, who she beat in the Madrid Open final last month.

"I usually never care who is on the other side of the net. I'm there to play tennis and do my job, and that's it," said Kostyuk.

Andreieva breezed into her second French Open semi-final earlier in the day with a 6-0, 6-3 rout of Romania's Sorana Cirstea, who plans to retire at the end of the season.

The eighth seed needed less than an hour to dispatch the 36-year-old Cirstea, appearing in the last eight in Paris for the first time since 2009. □